Review of Drug Policy, 1978 and 1986

472. SHRI H HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the important provisions of Drug Policy, 1978 and-1986 have not been implemented;

(b) if so, the details of such provisions and reasons for non-implementation;

(c) whether Government have made any study of this aspect before review of present policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A Background Note on the Review of Drug Policy, 1986 has since been placed on the Table of House on 12-8-92 for discussion.

Tariff Mechanism of Drug Policy, 1986

473. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tariff mechanism provided under Drug Policy, 1986 has proved to be total failure; and

(b) what are the names of bulk drugs where production has been shifted to basic stage or prices have been reduced after applications of tariff mechanism ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Tariff mechanism has evolved in accordance with general policy guidelines as enunciated in Finance bills from time to time and not through the Drug Policy, 1986, which has simply recognised the complimentary role of fiscal policies in achieving the desired objectives.

(b) In case of scheduled bulk drugs listed in Category-I and II of DPCO, 1987, whose Cost-cum-Technical Studies have been conducted by BICP, the prices are revised from time to lime after taking into account the stage of manufacture and current tariff rates applicable to that stage of manufacture. After the announcement of custom duty reduction announced in the budget for the year 1993-94, recently the Govt. has reduced the prices of 35 scheduled bulk drugs w.e.f. 17-6-93.

Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd.

474. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tata Tea and Tata Chemicals have pulled out of the Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what would be the fate of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FER TILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. According to the West Bengal
Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDQ, these companies were of the opinion that due to economic changes underway in the country, their participation was no longer in the interest of their shareholders.

WBIDC has further informed that Tatas would consider some internal changes in their Group's participation. The State Government and the Tata Group have reaffirmed their commitment to the implementation of the Haldia Project.

Educational Institutions run by Petrochemical Units

475. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the petrochemical units are running educational Institutes for the benefit of the employees, if so, the number and locations of such Institutions;

(b) whether these institutes also admit outside students from surrounding areas, if not, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether such educational institutions are discriminating among the students while charging the fees ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The petrochemical industry is spread over organised as well as small scale and tiny sectors. The number of such units is quite large. The information regarding educational institutes run by these units is not maintained in the Ministry. However, in so far as public sector

petrochemical units are concerned, Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) is running educational institutes at Baroda and Nagothane, mainly for the benefit of their employees. Their details are as under:—

(i) Pre-Primary, Primary and Secondary Schools at Nagothane are managed by Dio can Education Society.

(ii) One Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools at Baroda are run by IPCL. In addition a Pre-Primary and a Primary and Secondary Schools established at Baroda are run by separate trusts.

These institutes admit outside students from surrounding areas depending on the availability of seats. However at Nagothane, admission is available to outside students subject to maximum of *20%.*

The fees recovered from employees of IPCL for the education of their children are governed by agreements with the Trade Unions. In case of other students, the fees charged are generally in line with those fixed by the State Governments for non-grant-in-aid institutions. The entire expenses of running schools, other than those run by trusts, are borne by IPCL.

Implementation of Molasses Decontrol Order

476. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the implementation of the recently enacted Molasses Decontrol Order has been tardy and lacking in direction:

(b) whether it is also a fact that the decontrol of molasses has resulted in closure of many chemical units as also cattle feed units; and

(c) what steps are being taken to eliminate die confusion prevailing over the implementation of the Molasses Decontrol Order ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The Molasses Control Order, 1961 which has been rescinded on the 10th June, 1993 provided for control over movement and price of molasses. After it has been rescinded, no Central Control Order for molasses is in existence.

There is no report of closure of cattle feed units. However, a few chemical units are reported to have closed down but this is not necessarily due to decontrol of molasses only.

Dumping of Bulk Drugs of Chinese Origin in India

477. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state .

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that dumping of bulk drugs of Chinese origin in the Indian markets is causing concern to domestic producers of bulk drugs;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI) pleading for imposition of anti-dumping duty on bulk drugs of Chinese origin; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN T1IE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) There are reports from drug manufacturers and their Associations alleging dumping of bulk drugs of Chinese origin in the Indian market which is causing concern to the domestic producers. In this context, a representation from Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI) and Indian Drug Manufacturers Association (IDMA) has been received. They have been advised to approach the Designated Authority for Anti-Dumping in the Ministry of Commerce with complete information.

भारतीय कृषक उर्वरक सहकारी लिमिटेड, ओगोला

478. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि इस समय ओगोला स्थित भारतीय कृषक उर्वरक सहकारी लिमिटेड का विस्तार कार्यक्रम किस चरण में है ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फैलेरियो) : इंडियन फारमर्स फर्टिलाइजर कोआपरेटिव लि. (इफको) उत्तर प्रदेश में ओगला स्थित अपने गैस पर आधारित उर्वरक संयंत्र की क्षमता को दुगना करने की योजना बना रहे हैं। प्रस्ताव पर सरकार द्वारा अग्रिम अवस्था में विचार किया जा रहा है । इफको ने, इस बीच निम्नलिखित परियोजना पूर्व कार्यकलाप किए हैं :—

(1) ओगला विस्तार परियोजना उद्योग मंत्रालय के पास 17-5-1993 को पंजीकृत कराया गया है ।

(2) परियोजना के लिए गैस की आपूर्ति के लिए ठेके पर गैस प्राधिकरण तथा इफको ने 19-5-1993 को हस्ताक्षर किए हैं । गैस प्राधिकरण को 4.335 करोड़ रुपए जमा तथा 13.005 करोड़ रुपए की बैंक गारंटी भी प्रदान की गयी है ।